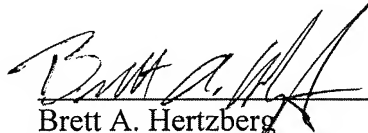


REMARKS/CONCLUSION

Claims 1 – 32 are pending in this application. Claims 1 – 15, 21, 24, 27 and 30 have been canceled. Claims 16 – 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31 and 32 are allowed. No new matter has been added. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

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